

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1238

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 1997

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF 5-DAY PERIOD OF EXCLU-**  
4                       **SIVE JUDICIAL AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER**  
5                       **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 310(b)(3)(A) of the Im-  
7       migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1421(b)(3)(A))

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1 is amended by striking “45-day” each place such term ap-  
2 pears and inserting “5-day”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
4 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-  
5 ment of this Act and shall apply to applications for natu-  
6 ralization filed on or after such date and to such applica-  
7 tions pending on such date.

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